

## Puzzlers So Often Are Apt To Act on the First Thought

THIS is going to be another heart to heart talk with the puzzlers along the lines of what we may and may not do in regard to the puzzles.

In the last few weeks I have had half a dozen contestants ask me to look up the lists they had forwarded and make certain specified changes in them. I thought it was pretty well understood long ago that such a procedure was quite impossible.

To begin with, if I looked up a list for one person, in all justice I would have to do the same thing for any other individual who proffered such a request. Since several hundred solutions are received in the course of a week, it is apparent that such a course on the face of it would be impossible. Furthermore, it would be unfair to the contestants who made a list and were willing to stand by it.

A good many of us, when we take a

second thought are able to do better work than we would do off-hand. Therefore, if obeying the second thought they sent in corrections, the "early birds" would profit not at all by their promptitude.

Furthermore, one contestant may send in but one solution. When a contestant sends in several solutions the one first reaching the desk is the one that receives consideration. The others are destroyed, for the simple reason that such a course gives one competitor an advantage over his neighbor, and the puzzle corner is conducted on the "fair field and no favor" basis.

I hope the puzzlers will each make a note of this discussion and thereby avoid possible disappointment.

Frances Carroll

## Eternity a True Test

"NOT for a day, but for always," is inscribed upon the middle of the ring which says an exchange. "Expenditure is more than a fallacy. It is an irrevocable step in the wrong direction. The woman who dyes her hair at twenty to suit the fancy of a possible beau spends her declining years regretting that it was not for the day, but for all time. This maxim, to be useful in a research, must stand at the beginning of a road and not along its sides.

"If we but read this sign at every turn, would it not prevent us from many a foolish short cut. A new ring is to be purchased, two are presented, a three-dollar bargain seems expedient. It will look well enough for a while, expediency suggests, but why not buy one for all time, an antique, smaller and more expensive?"

"The question of education should especially be judged in this light. Shall a boy or a girl stop school and begin work? The sum of so much a week looks large in the distorted light of expediency, but it is an irrevocable step. Think how many years it will be before the positive earning power, the actual money value, of an education will be gained.

"Expenditure" is the watchword of the improvident, of the foolish, of the thoughtless, while eternity demands the respect of all, and in its light alone are all things judged rightly."

## Anger and Discretion Rarely Found Together

Discretion is a synonym for tact. To rush in where angels fear to test their wings is as untactful as it is indiscreet. Learn to handle the world with gloves and it will rarely give you a black eye.

The discreet woman shies at an argument. Though she may be sure of her own logic and temper, she cannot bank on her opponent being equally well-poised. As a scatterer of good manners and friendly feeling nothing is in the class with a red hot difference of opinion.

Quickness to wrath is a relaxation of the discreet woman never indulges in. Though her temper may be as destructive to placidity as spilled pepper on a hot stove, she learns to stifle her rage under forced calmness. Anger and discretion rarely travel in double harness.

The discreet woman knows the value of background. She never forces herself into the limelight, tries to run the world, nor sets up as an authority.

## MAY USE BROOMS AS DECORATIONS

With the increased cost of living the cleaning woman has had to be given a ticket-of-leave in many homes. With the threatened increase in the cost of brooms, house cleaning bids fair to go quite out of fashion. Or perhaps the situation will be saved by carpets disappearing entirely and the corn broom be allowed to go by the board. The shortage is already in sight and the probable consequent increase in price by another year is already announced. An average of two to a family in this country looks to be the limit by the spring overhauling, and at a dollar apiece, the prophesied price, perhaps two apiece is all that will be wanted. Once the normal price of broom corn was \$9 a ton. Today the two factories in Evanston, Ill., that practically control the broom supply, are said to be paying \$26 a ton for material. "Time may come when we can only afford to give the handles of the finished article, tie a bow of ribbon about the brush and hang up our brooms alongside the other bric-a-brac—New Bedford Standard.

## The Bedtime Story.

Published for the thoughtful mothers who wish to read to the little folk while they are being tucked into their beds for the night.

### THE MONKEY IS UP TO MISCHIEF.

By FARMER SMITH.

"AFTER the animals had all built their houses at Arkville Mr. Noah called a meeting one morning," began Ethel's father one night.

"He had been down to see if there were any eggs, and he found none, and then he was hunting for the Monkey, and he could not find him.

"The animals had made a platform for Mr. Noah, just like those the teachers sit upon in school. It was high up and was covered with moss on all sides. Above it was a large coconut tree.

"The animals gathered around to hear Mr. Noah's morning talk, and he had begun and was nearly finished when, Bang! an egg came down on the floor. "My," said Mr. Noah, "I think we are going to have another flood, and it looks like eggs to me."

"Then all the animals looked up in the coconut tree, and there was the Monkey. He had taken one of the eggs and gone up in the tree to eat it, and it had slipped out of his hand. The white had clung to one of his paws, and he found out that the white of an egg was very sticky. Here, you Monkey, come down here and stop your foolishness," said Mr. Noah. The Monkey slid down the tree

and sat before Mr. Noah until he had finished his speech.

"This morning we will have the bass instruments in front when we play our music," said Mr. Noah after he had finished his speech. So the Elephant went after his bass horn to drag it up in front of the platform. The Monkey got his drum and sat next to the Elephant.

"The day before the Monkey had taken a coconut and scooped all the meat out of it, and with it had filled the Elephant's bass horn with water. "Now," he thought to himself, "we will have some fun."

"When he took his seat beside the Elephant he had forgotten all about the water in the big bass horn.

"Now," said Mr. Noah, "this piece begins very loud, and all you fellows with horns blow as loud as you can."

"One, two, three—down, left, right, up," began Mr. Noah.

"Sing," he shouted, and with that they all began to play.

"The Elephant blew as hard as he could, and the water in his big bass horn flew all over the Monkey, and he thought another flood had come. "The animals laughed so they could not play the rest of the morning."

## PRACTICAL OUTFIT FOR THE BABY

### Cost of Child's Set Of One-Piece Garments

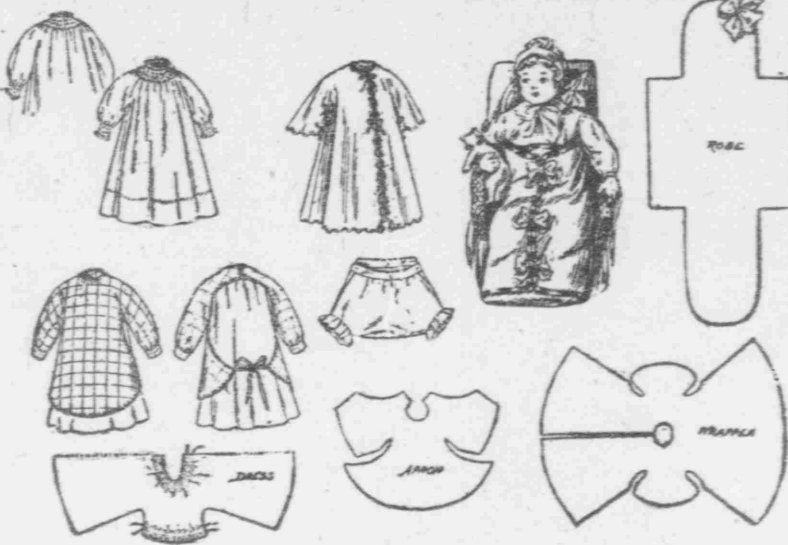
**FOR DRESS.**  
White Nainsook, 1 1/2 yards, 35 inches wide, at 25c yard.....\$0.35  
Valenciennes Lace Edging, narrow, for around neck and sleeves, 1 1/2 yards, at 8c yard......11  
......46

**FOR WRAPPER.**  
White Flannelette, with narrow pink or blue stripes, 2 1/2 yards, 27 inches wide, at 12 1/2c yard.....\$0.25  
Narrow Satin Ribbon, for trimmings, 5 yards, at 5c yard......25  
......50

**FOR APRON.**  
Small Checked Gingham, 1 yard, 27 inches wide, at 8c yard......08  
One Roll of Tape......06  
......14

**FOR DRAWERS.**  
Longcloth, 3/4 yard, 36 inches wide, at 12 1/2c yard.....\$0.10  
Narrow Cambric Edging 1 1/2 yards, at 5c yard......08  
......18

**FOR CARRIAGE ROBE.**  
White, Pink, or Blue Eiderdown, 1 1/2 yards, 36 inches wide, at 5c yard.....\$0.34  
Narrow Satin Ribbon for binding, 6 yards, at 5c yard......30  
Satin Ribbon for bow in center, 3 1/2 yards, at 20c yard......70  
......134  
Cost of outfit......324



### Daily Fashion Talks.

By FRANCES CARROLL.

I AM presenting today a very common sense and practical outfit for the baby in a household where the mother must economize time and energy. The little garments may be made attractive by the addition of handwork or simple trimmings, but the cut and fashion are especially designed for the simplest sort of treatment.

The outfit consists of 'one-piece' garments; the materials, of course, are a matter of personal preference, the suggestions given in the estimates furnished below being made

with practicality as the first consideration. The McCall pattern, No. 2627, required, may be had at the Palais Royal.

### CIRCULAR LOCKETS ARE NOW IN VOGUE

Round lockets are at present the vogue. The more expensive lockets are set in lattice or in a solid mass of precious stones, such as diamonds, emeralds, and rubies, with pearls to give softness to the scheme.

The fancy for round ornaments extends to brooches. A circle of bright green enamel is broken by a bow of diamonds and pearls, with ends that fall gracefully over the enamel, and that are completed by pearl-shaped pearls.

### Daily Horoscope

"The stars incline, but do not compel."

Friday, February 18, 1910.

Now love is smiled upon.  
Bright stars his pathway run.

VENUS and Saturn are in benefic aspect with the Moon and affect each other favorably.

Saturn, most often the greatest bringer of ill fortune, and a plagues of health and wealth, assumes an unusually tolerant attitude in the zodiac today.

Venus gains by Saturn's aspect and the indications today are for permanence and stability in engagements and weddings solemnized under this configuration.

The great dangers of today are extravagance and speculation and persons inclined to either, will do wisely to avoid all temptation rigorously.

The pursuit of beauty and pleasure is under a kindly planet today.

There is a sign in the Zodiac that reads "for traveling, long journeys, a great benefit from science and a curious occurrence."

Though fairness and contemplation are under good aspects today.

Firm, steady but tolerant adherence to religion, faith and creeds in the presence of some worldly temptation will be found to be a saving refuge today by more than one person.

Herbal astrology selects this day for wheat, rye, strawberry, thyme, cherry, plum, peach, pear, parsley, pepper, mint, gooseberry, chestnut, and cowslip under Venus.

A sign this day has been read of old as "a warning ascending against a jealous and envious person."

Women and men with this birth-date are under aspects promising favor from the great and much esteemed.

Children are born today under signs that often endow their subjects with great ability for management and finance.

### CRAB-LIKE STYLE MARKS FASHIONS

Fashions progress in a curiously crab-like fashion, with one step forward into the future and the next back into the past. The present season, for instance, brought the new draped dresses, but it went back to the kimono sleeve. Next spring we may look for Russian blouse jackets among the things that are new and peculiar to this year, but side by side with them we will see the little short masculine coats that we left behind us half a dozen years ago.

There will be new sleeves under new names rubbing elbows with the quaint short sleeve that we lost sight of some time since. Its reappearance is explained plausibly enough by its connection with the lacy and fishwife styles, only in these little matters the French courtier is apt to evolve a fashion first, while the reason for it may not occur to him till afterward.

### Shirt Waist Extenders Interest Thin Girls

The scrawny girl, who objects to having her blouses sink in, even though slenderness is the fashion, may be interested in a shirt waist extender that not only fills out the lower part of blouse, but keeps it from sinking in on the shoulders.

The extender can be made of four graduated ruffles of lawn, edged with narrow Valenciennes lace. Each ruffle is about two inches deep, and is sewed to a shield-shaped piece of lawn, hemmed neatly on the edges.

The top ruffle is much longer than the other three, and comes up to the shoulder on each side, where it can be pinned to seam of corset cover. It should be shaped to just cover the edge of a low-necked corset cover, and can be edged all around with lace to give a pretty finish.

The lower ruffles, each one shorter than the one above it, are lace-trimmed only on the lower edge. The tops are covered with a narrow binding where sewed to foundation, and the ruffles overlap about a half inch.

The lower edge of the shield can be finished with a casing, instead of a narrow hem, and a tape run through it to adjust the fullness into a narrow line at the waist.

Do not choose too soft a lawn for making the ruffles, and have them slightly starched when laundered. They must not be made stiff. At least three should be owned, as they are useless when not fresh.

### BRITON WOMEN ADVANCE.

The judge at Marylebone says a great change is taking place day by day in the sexes in his country. "It used to be," said the judge, "almost unheard of for a man to complain of being beaten by a woman. But nowadays women are becoming so independent, so aggressive and so anxious to protect themselves that it is quite a common thing for men to come to court and complain of being assaulted by women, and very soon one will be able to say in England with truth that of the two sexes the weaker is the man, not the woman." In the case under trial, Mrs. Taylor had thrashed a Mr. Lovell until he could scarcely walk, and then she tore his coat away from him, took it to her flat and hung it up on her bed post as a "scalp." The judge turned Mr. Lovell over to a doctor and fined Mrs. Taylor £2 and costs.

### GOING SOME AT CULTURE.

"He is a very cultured man, is he not?" we ask, referring to the gentleman who has delivered the principal address at the dinner.

"Is he?" exclaims our friend. "You should have heard him. Why, in a fifteen-minute speech he managed to work in the correct pronunciations of 'Gothic,' 'naïve,' 'avert,' 'contumely,' 'Pinchot,' 'Reclamer,' 'hors d'oeuvre,' 'delectable,' 'coarse' and 'renaissance.' I guess when it comes to culture he is going some."—Chicago Post.

### THE KING'S HOUSEKEEPER.

Mrs. Rosalie Dodd is the head housekeeper at Buckingham Palace, and she is one of the most trusted servants of the King. She was housekeeper during the Victorian reign at Marlborough House, and followed the Prince of Wales when he became King to Buckingham Palace.

## Royal Portraits on Chinaware Often Caricatures of Originals

THE portraits of Charles II, of William and Mary, and of Queen Anne, to be found on pudding plates and other specimens of early English delft are rule both in design and execution. They are often nearly as much a caricature of the original as the grotesque fact of ill-favored Cardinal Bellarmine, whose bigotry and unpopularity are perpetuated by the brown jugs which bear his name.

A splendid William and Mary plate is preserved in the Cardiff Museum. The predominant colors of the portrait pudding plates of this epoch are orange and blue, a compliment not difficult to understand even after the lapse of more than two centuries.

### When Fox And Pitt Were Replaced.

The political "potting" of 1688-1700 may be taken as the forerunner of the troublous time of 1788-1815, 1820-22 and 1832, when the faces of Fox and Pitt, Napoleon and Wellington, George IV. and Queen Caroline, Grey, Brougham and O'Connell replaced in turn those of the Dutch King and his English consort.

The first serious portrait on porcelain was that of George II, which Dr. Wall reproduced over and over again on the mugs and plates which were turned out in almost endless variety at the factory he had established at Worcester. Pottery on porcelain and pottery became a tradition of the great "potting" industry on the banks of the Severn, and the counterfeit presentations of George III and Queen Charlotte, the royal dukes and princesses, the Princess Charlotte and the "Sailor King" are all remarkable alike for their fidelity and finish.

They gave a keynote to the less artistic workmen of Staffordshire, and were imitated wholesale by rival manufacturers. It is to Worcester that we must look for the best of the old portraits on porcelain of both William and Queen Anne. Queen Caroline found favor principally with the Staffordshire workmen, while Lambeth and Fulham turned out Brougham, Peel, and O'Connell spirit bottles by the thousand.

### Wesley Players In Staffordshire Ware.

It is in Staffordshire ware that we principally find those Wesley plaques and plates (generally adorned with appropriate texts) which enjoyed a widespread popularity among his followers for many years after the death of the great apostle of Methodism. Staffordshire long continued to be a Methodist stronghold, and the Methodist potter found pleasure and profit in turning out specimens to commemorate the spiritual efforts of James and Hugh Bourne and William Clowes.

Elaborate busts of both Wesley and Whitfield were produced by Wedgwood and now fetch from £7 to £10 each, or even more. The Staffordshire busts, once easily obtainable for about 25s, have

### VOGUE OF BUNGALOW DUE TO PHILIPPINES

The vogue of the bungalow began with a casual acquisition of a native house into the East. It first became popular as a summer lodge for the rich, but its qualities soon commended it to the counter of snail means as well. For though the bungalow can be extended indefinitely, size can never make it pretensions, and it luxuriates in the quality of its defect.

The bungalow has compelled its chaste-laine to learn that she cannot be both grand and comfortable, and for the first time the "correct thing" impels my lady to take into account her husband's taste in furnishing a living place for two.

For this she alone there shall be many men to rise up and call the bungalow blessed, to hail it as a thing of beneficence as well as beauty.

### BLAMES THE STAIRS.

It was 4.2 p. m. and 214ms crept softly into the house and removed his shoes, but as he stepped up the stairs one of the treads gave a loud creak. "It is that old John," demanded Mrs. Billings from above.

"No, my love," replied 214ms, "it's the stairs."—Jelico.

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